

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving content, comprising:
receiving a request having content originating from a non-authenticated client, wherein the request is a content-bearing and is issued from the client;
modifying the request and associating the content with the modified request;
redirecting the non-authenticated client to an authentication service and including the modified request; and
receiving the modified request from an authenticated client and reacquiring the content using the modified request from the client.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the modifying further includes compressing the content within the modified request.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the modifying further includes directing the non-authenticated client to store the content in a temporary file and identifying the temporary file within the modified request.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the modifying further includes assigning a key to the modified request, storing the content, and indexing the content based on the key.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the redirecting further includes installing a resubmit application on the non-authenticated client that transparently transmits the modified request from the client back to the receiving the modified request processing method when the non-authenticated client is successfully authenticated.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising recreating the content based on directions provided in the modified request.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[the]] receiving the request further includes receiving the request as a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) request from a World-Wide Web (WWW) browser on the non-authenticated client, the request received over the Internet using Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) communications.
8. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving content, comprising:
issuing a content-bearing request to a service, wherein the content-bearing request originates from a client and is directed to the service;
receiving, at the client, a modified request and a redirection for authentication along with a directive to retain the content at the client;
authenticating the client with an authentication service; and
issuing from the client the modified request to the service.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the receiving further includes receiving a resubmit application that automatically issues the modified request to the service once authenticated by the authentication service.
10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the receiving further includes receiving content sent with the content-bearing request in a compressed format within the modified request.
11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the receiving further includes receiving instructions with the modified request to store content sent with the content-bearing request in a temporary file.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein [[the]] receiving the instructions further include storing the content as a cookie.

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13. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the receiving further includes receiving a key associated with content sent with the content-bearing request, wherein the key is subsequently used to reacquire the content.
14. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein issuing the content-bearing request further includes issuing the content bearing request as a Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) communication including at least one of a PUT operation and a POST operation.
15. (Currently Amended) A content-preserving system, comprising:
a desired service; and
a proxy, wherein a client issues a content-bearing request to the desired service and the proxy detects that the client is not authenticated to the desired service, and wherein the proxy preserves content associated with the content-bearing request at the client, redirects the client to an authentication service, and directs the client to issue a modified request after being authenticated, the modified request used by the proxy to reacquire the content from the client and submit the original content-bearing request to the desired service once the client is authenticated.
16. (Original) The content-preserving system of claim 15 wherein the modified request includes instructions that direct the proxy on how to reacquire the content.
17. (Original) The content-preserving system of claim 16 wherein the instructions indicate that the content is compressed within the modified request.
18. (Cancelled).
19. (Currently Amended) The content-preserving system of claim 16 wherein instructions indicate that the content can be acquired from a memory or storage accessible to the client.
20. (Original) The content-preserving system of claim 15, wherein the proxy detects that the client is not authenticated from the desired service.

21-27. (Cancelled).